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Sub:-TECHNICAL EDUCATION – A.P Prohibition of Ragging Act,1997- Prevention and prohibition of Ragging in Educational Institutions- Certain instructions on action to be taken – Issued – Reg.

Ref:-1. A.P Prohibition of Ragging Act,1997(Act 26 of 1997).
2.G.O M.S No.67,Higher Education (EC) Dept.,
Dt: 31.08.2002.
3.Recommendations of R.K.Raghavan Committee constituted by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India,
4.Judgement in CA No.887/2009 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

The attention of the Principals of all the Polytechnics under the control of this Department is invited to the subject cited and in view of the commencement of the class-work for the academic year-2018-19; the following instructions are issued to prevent the incidents of ragging in the institutions.

- The Head of all the Institutions shall strictly follow the rules issued in G.O 2nd cited and provisions of the Act 26 of 1997, 1st cited, especially at the beginning of the academic year.
- Specific attention is drawn to the statutory provision that if the Head or Manager of Institution fails or neglects to take action in the manner specified under Section 6 (1) of the A.P. Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1997, under Section 7 of the Act, such person shall be deemed to have abetted the offence and shall be punished with the punishment provided for the offence.
- As per Rule (6) of the Rules issued in G.O.Ms.No.67, Higher Education (EC) Department, dated: 31.08.2002, if the institutions fail to curb ragging, the funding agency shall consider stoppage of financial assistance and the university shall consider disaffiliating the institution.
- The Heads of Educational institutions or senior faculty member should make surprise visits to the students' hostels, especially in the evening hours, to check incidents of ragging. If they notice ragging during such surprise checks, they should initiate immediate deterrent action against the offenders who indulge in ragging under Section (6) of the Act and also file police complaint for prosecution of the offender.
- The Head of Educational Institutions should also frequently make discreet/confidential enquires from the first year students of the respective courses, who are more prone to ragging and book cases against the offenders.
- The Heads of Educational Institutions shall take the following steps to prevent ragging:
 1. Strict implementation of Anti Ragging Act of A.P.1997.
 2. Constitution of Committees including student & Parent Committees.
 - 3.Installation of Complaint Box in the Campus.
 4. Entry through single gate into the Polytechnics.
 5. Evacuation of unauthorized boarders.
 6. To publicize and to create awareness on anti-ragging TOLL FREE number 18004255314

Further some of the major recommendations of Sri R.K.Raghavan Committee constituted by the Supreme Court of India on measures to be taken for prevention of ragging in Educational Institutions are furnished herewith for taking necessary action.

- Each student taking admission in the College must furnish signed annual undertaking at the beginning of every academic year stating that he is aware of the relevant instructions/regulations against ragging as well as punishments that may follow acts of ragging.
- Each institutions must compulsorily incorporate in its admission prospectus about the definition of ragging and the directives issued by the Government/various courts to prevent and stop ragging and the punishment that are prescribed for an offence of ragging so as to sensitize the students and the parents in this regard.
- Meaningful advertisement and campaign should be undertaken by the State Government and Educational Institutions through the various newspapers and electronic media, posters, handouts, etc., drawing attention to the concerned about the ban in respect of ragging and publicizing its potential evils. Apart from the above educational institutions may hold multi-pronged campaigns through Audio Visual aids, counselling sessions, workshops poster making competitions etc., to bring home the message about ragging as social evil.
- Fresher's Day in educational institutions should be held within a fortnight from the beginning of the academic session.
- Educational Institutions may engage professional counsellors for seeking assistance at the time of admissions to counsel fresher's and seniors and emphasize the importance of developing camaraderie.
- The anti-ragging committee and squad should be activated, especially at the beginning of the academic session.
- It is mandatory for the institution, where the incident of ragging is reported to file a First Information Report (F.I.R) before the local police authorities. Such reports should also be made to the Civil Authorities and Higher Police authorities for taking necessary action in the matter.
- Hostel Wardens must be issued mobile phones by institutions and the details of the telephone numbers widely circulated amongst students.
- Similarly, action should be taken in respect of every important functionary such as of Heads of Institutions, faculty members or Anti-ragging Committee, District and sub-Divisional authorities, District and Sub-Divisional Civil and Police authorities, local police stations etc. as the case may be.
- A committee may be constituted at College level with efficient teaching faculty/ non-teaching to prevent ragging and to maintain discipline in the campus. It is also advised to appoint a committee and take the opinion/suggestions of one or more eminent Psychiatrists/ Psychologists/Educationalists to eradicate ragging.
- Directions to be followed as envisaged in the Judgement in CA No.887/2009 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

Further, it is informed that the anti-ragging provisions cited in ref (1), (2) and (4) above are available in the Department website and can be accessed through [:http://dteap.nic.in](http://dteap.nic.in)

Sd/- G.S PANDA DAS
SPECIAL COMMISSIONER

To:

The Principals of all the Govt./Aided/Private Un-aided/2nd shift Polytechnics in the State of A.P.

Copy to the Regional Joint Director of Technical Education, Kakinada & Tirupathi with a direction to monitor the implementation of the above instructions and report compliance in the matter.

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For **SPECIAL COMMISSIONER**

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The Andhra Pradesh Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1997

Act 26 of 1997

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THE ANDHRA PRADESH PROHIBITION OF
RAGGING ACT, 1997.

ACT No. 26 OF 1997*

[21st August, 1997.]

An Act to Prohibit Ragging in Educational
Institutions in the State of Andhra
Pradesh.

Be it enacted by the Legislative
Assembly of the State of Andhra Pradesh
in the Forty-eighth Year of the Republic
of India, as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Short title
Andhra Pradesh Prohibition of Ragging and
Act, 1997. commencemen

*Received the assent of the Governor on 19th August, 1997.
For Statement of the Objects and Reasons. Please see the
A.P. Gazette Part IV-A Extraordinary dated 18th March,
1997 at P-6.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(3) It shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from 4th July, 1997.

Definitions. 2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,-

(a) 'act' includes words either spoken or written or signs or sounds or gestures or visible representations;

(b) 'Educational Institution' means and includes a college, or other institution by whatever name called, carrying on the activity or imparting education therein (either exclusively or among other activities); and includes an orphanage or boarding home or hostel or a tutorial institution or any other premises attached thereto;

(c) 'government' means the State Government of Andhra Pradesh;

(d) 'notification' means the notification published in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette and the word 'notified' shall be construed accordingly;

(e) 'ragging' means doing an act which causes or is likely to cause insult or annoyance or fear or apprehension or threat or intimidation or outrage of modesty or injury to a student;

(f) 'student' means a person who is admitted to an educational institution

and whose name is lawfully borne on the attendance register thereof;

(g) All words and expressions used but not defined in this Act shall have the meanings assigned to them under the Andhra Pradesh Education Act, 1982 or the Indian Penal Code, 1860 respectively. A.P. Act 1 of 1982.
Central Act 45 of 1860.

3. Ragging within or outside any educational institution is prohibited. Prohibition of Ragging.

4. Whoever, with the intention of causing ragging or with the knowledge that he is likely by such act to cause ragging, commits or abets ragging and thereby, - Penalty for Ragging.

(i) teases or embarrasses or humiliates a student shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees or with both; or

(ii) assaults or uses criminal force to or criminally intimidates a student shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees or with both; or

(iii) wrongfully restrains or wrongfully confines or causes hurt to a student shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years or with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees or with both; or

(iv) causes grievous hurt to or kidnaps or abducts or rapes or commits unnatural offence with a student shall be punished

with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years and with fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees; or

(v) causes death or abets suicide shall be punished with imprisonment for life or with imprisonment for a term which may extend to ten years and with a fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees.

Dismissal of student. 5. (1) A student convicted of an offence under section 4 and punished with imprisonment for a term shall be dismissed from the educational institution.

(2) A student convicted of an offence under section 4 and punished with imprisonment for a term of more than six months shall not be admitted in any other educational institution.

Suspension of student. 6. (1) Without prejudice to the foregoing provisions, whenever any student complains of ragging to the head or manager of an educational institution, such head or manager shall inquire into or cause an inquiry to be made into the same forthwith and if the complaint is prima facie found true, shall suspend the student or students complained against for such period as may be deemed necessary.

(2) The decision of the head or manager of the educational institution under subsection (1) shall be final.

Absent. 7. (1) If the head or the manager of an educational institution fails or neglects to take action in the manner specified in sub-section (1) of section 6,

such person shall be deemed to have abetted the offence and shall be punished with the punishment provided for the offence.

(2) If a student commits suicide due to or in consequence of ragging, the person who commits such ragging shall be deemed to have abetted such suicide.

8. The provisions of this Act shall be in addition to and not derogatory of any law for the time being in force. Other laws of not affected.

9. (1) The Government may by notification, make rules for carrying out all or any of the purposes of this Act. Power to make rules.

(2) Every rule made under this Act shall immediately after it is made, be laid before the Legislative Assembly of the State, if it is in session and if it is not in session, in the session immediately following for a total period of fourteen days which may be comprised in one session or in two successive sessions, and if, before the expiration of the session in which it is so laid or the session immediately following the Legislative Assembly agrees in making any modification in the rule or in the annulment of the rule, the rule shall, from the date on which the modification or annulment is notified, have effect only in such modified form or shall stand annulled as the case may be so, however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule.

Repeal of Ordinance 12 of 1997. 10. The Andhra Pradesh Prohibition of Ragging Ordinance, 1997 is hereby repealed.

G. BHAVANI PRASAD,
Secretary to Government,
Legislative Affairs & Justice,
Law Department.

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

TECHNICAL EDUCATION – Prohibition of ragging in all Educational Institutions in the state of Andhra Pradesh – Framing of Andhra Pradesh Prohibition of ragging in all Educational Institutions Rules – Issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION (EC) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 67

Dated: 31-08-2002

Read the following

1. Hon'ble High court judgement dt. 11-9-1997 in W.P.No. 26132/96 and W.P.No. 27623/96.
2. Andhra Pradesh Act No. 26 of 1997.
3. Hon'ble Supreme Court order dt: 4-5-2001 in W.P.(Civil) No. 656/1998.
4. D.O.No. F.8-1/99 (CPP-II) Dt. 13-01-2000 of Secretary, Union Grants Commission, New Delhi.
5. From the CTE., AP., Hyd. letter No. H2/23358/2001, dt: 18-9-2000 & dt: 29-1-2002.

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ORDER:-

The following notification will be published in the Extraordinary issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette dated: 4th September, 2002.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 9, of the Andhra Pradesh prohibition of Ragging Act, 1997 (A.P. Act 26 of 1997) the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following rules relating to Prohibition of ragging in all Educational institutions in the state.

1. Short title

These rules may be called the "Andhra Pradesh Prohibition of ragging in all Educational institutions Rules – 2002.

2. Definition:

In these rules unless the context otherwise requires:-

- (a) "act" includes words either spoken or written or signs or sounds or gestures or visible representation.
- (b) "educational institutions" means and include a college or other Institution by whatever name called, carrying on the activity or imparting education therein (either exclusively or among other activities) and includes an orphanage or boarding home or hostel or tutorial Institution or other premises attached thereto.
- (c) "government" means the state Government of Andhra Pradesh.
- (d) "notification" means notification published in Andhra Pradesh Gazetted and the work "notified" shall be construed accordingly.
- (e) 'ragging' means doing an act which causes or is likely to cause insult or annoyance of fear or apprehension or threat of intimidation or outrage of modesty or injury to a student;
- (f) "student" means a person who is admitted into an Educational Institution and whose name is lawfully borne on the attendance register thereof.

All words and expression used but not defined as these rules have meaning assigned to them under A.P. Education Act, 1982 or Indian Penal Code 1860 as the case may be.

3. Prohibition of ragging:-

- (a) ragging is prohibited within or outside of any educational institution in the state.
- (b) The Principal/ Head of the institution shall obtain an undertaking in writing from the students/ parents at the time of admission, that they shall not resort to ragging inside or outside the Institution.
- (c) Full publicity should be given to the punishment for ragging through open circulars, suitable posters, colleges and hostel premises etc, by the Principal/ Head of the Institutions.
- (d) The Principal / Head of the institution shall constitute anti ragging squads involving teachers and students to prevent ragging.
- (e) The Head of the institution shall lodge a criminal case against students resorted to ragging for taking action as mentioned In Andhra Pradesh Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1997 (A.P. Act No. 26 of 1997).

Certain of the guidelines to prevent ragging in educational institutions are illustrated in the annexure to these rules.

4. Responsibility of the Head of the Institution:

- (1) At the commencement of the academic session, the institution should constitute a proctorial committee consisting of senior faculty members and hostel authorities like the warden and a few responsible senior students:
 - (i) to keep 3 continuous watch and vigil over ragging so as to prevent its occurrence and recurrence.
 - (ii) to promptly deal with the incidents of ragging brought to its notice and summarily punish the guilty either by itself or by putting-forth its finding/recommendation/ suggestions before the authority

Competent to take decision. All vulnerable locations shall be identified and specially watched.

- (2) The local community and the students in particular must be made aware of dehumanizing effect of ragging inherent in its perversity. Posters, notice boards and sign-boards- wherever necessary, may be used for the purpose.
- (3) Failure to prevent ragging shall be construed as an act of negligence in maintaining discipline in the institution on the part of the management, the principal and the persons in authority of the institution. Similar responsibility shall be laid on hostel wardens/superintendents
- (4) Whenever any student complains of ragging to the head of the Educational institution such head or manager shall enquire into the same forthwith and if the complaint is prima facie found true, shall suspend the student or students complained against for such period as may be deemed necessary.
- (5) The decision of the head of the Institution or the person responsible for the Management of the educational institution is final.
- (6) If an institution fails to curb ragging, the Funding Agency shall consider for stoppage of financial assistance to such an institution till such time as achieves the same. The University shall consider disaffiliating a college or institution failing to curb ragging. All Universities shall bring these guidelines to the notice of all educational institutions under their control and jurisdiction. Publicity may also be given by issuing press notes in public interest by Universities.

5. PENALTY FOR RAGGING:

- (1) Whoever with the intention of causing ragging or with the knowledge that he is likely by such act to cause ragging, commits or abets ragging shall be punishable as per Andhra Pradesh Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1997 –(Act 26 of 1997).
- (2) The students convicted of an offence under section 4 of Andhra Pradesh Prohibition Act, 1997, (Act 26 of 1997) and punished with imprisonment for a term shall be dismissed from the educational institution.
- (3) The student convicted of an offence under section 4 of Andhra Pradesh Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1997, and punished with imprisonment for a term for more than six months shall not be admitted in any other educational institution.
- (4) Any student dismissed from a college for ragging should be debarred from seeking admission in any other course of study in any College/University located in the state.
- (5) In case of the students who involved in ragging, there shall be an embossment on his marks cards and other academic certificates in bold letters which cannot be obliterated that he had indulged in-ragging and had conducted himself in a manner unbecoming of student.

GUIDELINES ANNEXED TO G.O.Ms.No. 67, HIGHER EDUCATION (EC-2) DEPARTMENT, DATED: 31-8-2002.

The following guidelines shall be complied with while endeavouring to deal with ragging in the forms like addressing seniors 'Sir', performing massdrills, copying class notes for the seniors, carrying out various errands, and doing menial jobs for the seniors, washing clothes demanded by senior students, asking/ answering vulgar questions, looking at pornographic pictures to shock the freshers out of their innocence, being forced to drink alcohol, scalding tea, being forced to do acts with sexual overtones and homosexual acts leading to physical injury/mental torture or death, and doing obscenities.

"Ragging" means any disorderly conduct whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness any other student, indulging in rowdy or indisciplined activities which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in a fresher or junior student or asking the students to do any act or perform something which such student will not do in the ordinary course and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame or embarrassment so as to adversely effect the physique or psyche of a fresher or junior student. The cause of indulging in ragging is deriving a sadistic pleasure or showing of power, authority or superiority by the seniors over their juniors and freshers.

Most of the above orders of the seniors constituting perverse actions are illustrative or ragging but not exhaustive. Any other related acts could also form ragging attracting severe punitive action.

1. A review committee shall be constituted by the District Collector as chairman and the composition of the committee will be as follows

- (i) Collector – Chairman
- (ii) Superintendent of police - Vice Chairman
- (iii)
 - a) Revenue Divisional Officers
 - b) Sub-divisional Police Officers
 - c) College principals

The committee shall meet twice before the academic session and twice during the academic session to review the prevalent situation and to take effective measures to combat ragging.

Apart from the review committee the educational institutions should provide for the constitution of a committee consisting of the

parents and guardians of the students taking education in their institute, as well as two representatives of the students and from the principal and a representative of teaching staff of the educational institute and to review the same by regularly calling a meeting of the committee of the parents etc., which may be constituted for this purpose. The committee should recommend to the management whether any step is required to be taken against any student who may have violated the code of conduct and the school management should take necessary remedial measures as expeditiously as possible, but not later than four weeks from the date of the recommendation by the parents committee;

3. The application form for admission/ enrolment shall have a printed undertaking to be filled up and signed by the candidates to the effect that he/she is aware of the institution's approach towards ragging and punishments to which he or she shall be liable if found guilty of ragging. A similar undertaking shall be obtained from the parents/ guardian of the applicant.

4. Any boy or girl student should keep the identity card issued by the concerned educational institution in his/her possession and offer the same for verification as and when demanded by any authority of the institution or hostel or any member of the staff of the institution or hostel who is authorised to verify the identity of the concerned student.

5. The Hostels and messes, vacant class rooms, canteen, stadium or playground, students activity centers and bus stands are the some of the vulnerable locations identified for ragging. Strict surveillances should be maintained in such locations for prevention of ragging.

6. The management, principal, the teaching staff should interact with freshers and take them in confidence by apprising them of their rights as well as obligation to fight against ragging and to generate confidence in their mind that any instances of ragging to which they are subjected or which comes in their knowledge should forthwith be brought to their knowledge and shall promptly dealt with while protecting the complainants from any harassment by perpetrators of ragging. It would be better if the head of the institution or person high in authority addresses meeting of teachers, parents and students collectively or in groups in this behalf.

7. The Universities and the institution shall at a reasonable time before the commencement of an academic year and therefore at such frequent intervals as may be expedient deliberate over and devise such positive and constructive activities to be arranged by involving the students generally so that the seniors and juniors, and the existing students and the freshers, interact with each other in a healthy atmosphere and develop a friendly relationship so as to behave like members of a family in an institution. Seniors or juniors should be encouraged to exhibit their talents in such events so as to shed their complexes.

8. Telephone numbers of the Principals, Vice-Principals, Heads of Departments, senior faculty / administrative officers, wrens and Deputy Wardens, should be given to every new entrant with the advice that they should not hesitate in reporting all incidents of ragging through these numbers even anonymously with the circumstances warrant, so that immediate measures can be taken by them.

9. The media may be requested to give adequate publicity to the negative aspects of ragging mainly during the months of July and August every year so that public awareness and aversion can be built up against ragging.

10. The 1st year class schedule shall be staggered. Junior students should come to the college early and to leave first. The schedule should be reverse for senior students classes.

11. Teachers taking the 1st year classes will leave the class at the end of the period only after the next teacher arrives.

12. The hostels/ accommodations where freshers are accommodated shall be carefully guarded, if necessary by posting security personnel, and placed in charge of a Warden/ Superintendent who should himself/ herself reside there at, and wherein the entry of seniors and outsiders shall be prohibited after specified hour of seniors and outsiders shall be prohibited after specified hour of night and before except under the permission of the person in charge. Entry at other times may also be regulated. If possible, the new entrants to the hostels should be accommodated in a separate building away from other hostel buildings where the senior students reside.

13. No person who is not a student of the concerned educational institution shall be allowed to enter the premises of that educational institutions or its hostel with out obtaining prior permission of the principal of that Institute. Provided that the parents or the guardian of the students shall not be required to take such permission in writing.

14. No person who is not studying in the given educational institution shall be allowed to enter any hostel of boys or girls attached to the concerned

educational institution. However, by obtaining prior written permission of the warden of the hostel, he may be so allowed. Provided, however that in case of girls hostel, no male student or any male person shall have any access to a girl inmates of the hostel except in the presence of the care taker of the ladies hostel apart from obtaining advance permission of the Warden for the purpose.

15. Any girl inmate of the hostel who has gone out of the hostel premises for a personal errand shall return to the hostel latest by 9.00P.M. If she is delayed, she should render written explanation there and than to the care taker of the hostel who shall allow her to enter the hostel occupy her seat in the room allotted to her on such written explanation submitted by her. The written explanation so submitted shall be forwarded to the warden of the hostel by the Care taker as soon as possible but not later than 9.00 A.M. on the next day.

16. Teaching staff and warden will be at liberty to check and inspect the hostel area at any time during night.

17. Secret student vigilance groups shall be formed. They are expected to bring to the attention of the Anti-ragging committee any incident of ragging in the college or outside.

18. Confidential boxes should be installed at college to receive the complaints of the Junior students to know about ragging incidents, if any.

19. Migration certificates issued by the institution should have an entry apart from that of general conduct and behavior whether the student had participated in and in particular was punished for ragging.

20. Ragging can be stopped by creating awareness amongst the students, teachers and parents that ragging is a reprehensible act which does no good to any one and by simultaneously generating an atmosphere of discipline by sending a clear message that no act of ragging shall go unnoticed and unpunished.

21. Any student found to be indulging into any ragging activity shall be suspended immediately after communication is sent to him under the signature of the principal of the concerned educational institution stating that he is alleged of indulging into ragging activity. Such student shall be debarred from entering the campus of the educational institution or its hostel, except on any day at any time when he called upon by the authority of the school or by the parents committee for tendering explanation of for defending his case.

22. Anti-ragging movement should be initiated by the institution right from the time of advertisement for admission. The prospects, the form for admission must clearly mention that ragging is banned in the institution and any one indulging in ragging is likely to be punished appropriately which punishment may include expulsion from the institution, suspension from the institution or classes for a limited period or fine with a public apology. The punishment may also be take the shape of:

- i) withholding scholarships/ fellowships.
- ii) Debarring from representation in events.
- iii) Withholding results.
- iv) Withdrawing benefits like travel concessions and campus selections.
- v) Suspension or expulsion from hostel or mess, and the like.

23. Photographs of students who have been involved in ragging and against when prima facie cases are made out shall be published I the notice board put up in a conspicuous place, and also published in local news papers. In addition, students should be cautioned that the moment they indulge in ragging they would have a bleak future in as much as they would not be entitled to get a passport or visa to go abroad, if a case is registered in the police station or if their academic records are tainted with black marks.